

Nootka Sound Watershed Society
Draft Minutes
Wednesday Jan 27, 2016
WFP Boardroom 7:00 pm

1. Welcome and Introductions 7:05

Attendance:

Dick Dennison, Vice President Cheryle Miner, Treasurer Lyndy Vroom, Secretary Pat Dennison, GR Resources Marcel Miner, GR Streamkeepers Ken Smith, GR Streamkeepers Louis Vansolkema, Councillor, Village of Tahsis Craig Blackie, Grieg Seafood	Paul Kutz, Western Forest Products Dave Davies, DFO, Community Advisor Kadin Snook, Fisheries Coordinator, MMFN Rick Jones, Gold River Rod and Gun Club Jake Knight, Gold River Resident Sam Kagan, Fisheries Stewardship Coordinator Bruce Sanderson, Fisheries Stewardship Coordinator
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2. Review and adopt of the Agenda - Moved by Cheryle 2nd by Paul. All in favour. Motion carried
3. Review and adopt of the minutes Nov 25, 2015 - Moved by Cheryle 2nd by Paul. All in favour. Motion carried
4. Review of action items from Nov 25, 2015 meeting

Action Items:

Action	Who	Completed
Keep in contact with Sean Wong, Ministry of Transportation	ACTION -MARCEL	Too late to do work in 2015, they are working on plan for 2016 to put weirs in. Verbal agreement in place ONGOING
Letter to Minister re: budget cuts with DFO, the impacts / effects that has.	Kent	ONGOING
Terms of Reference – Review them in the Fall		ONGOING
Email Kent Tahsis licence re:Coho	Dave	DONE
Blueprints for transport tank	Chris	ONGOING
Info on Rob Brouwer's study	Lyndy	ONGOING
Cancel PayPal account	Lyndy	DONE
Ongoing discussion with gillnetters re:stewardship fish	Dick/ Kent	ONGOING – dick talking tomorrow at meeting
Check into process for FIA funding (Sucwoa)	Paul Kutz	ONGOING – limited funds available for riparian zone through FIA.
Maps from M.Wright assessment look into getting copies. Would like laminated / dry erase capability	Kent – to enquire about copies Kent – send Sam drop box link Kent – send Craig map info for possibly laminating	Craig to look into one map 'reach map' of each of six watersheds.
Email Sam/Bruce the Terms of Reference and the Vision Statement	Kent	DONE
Request for pictures for our new website	Sam	ONGOING
Feedback on Bruce's brochure	Any/ All reply to Bruce	Dave sent him some stuff ONGOING
Volunteer form	Bruce to circulate	ONGOING
Invite Mel Sheng to meeting to give presentation	Roger	Ongoing – email sent to Mel Sheng

5. Old Business

a. Fisheries Stewardship Coordinator Reports – Sam and Bruce

Sam– due to time constraints not feasible to undertake huge projects right now – three attainable projects that have been flagged and will be looking at putting in for PSF funding are to put a Hydromet on the Tahsis River, Juvenile Salmonid monitoring on the Tahsis Estuary, Estuary mapping both intertidal and subtidal and a Fluvial geomorphological overview of the Tahsis River, data gaps water level logger Tahsis, estuary work on Tahsis. Sam spoke on each and what they have, and what is needed for funding and volunteer/ in-kind funding for each project.

Hydromet going into Tahsis (plus Hydromet in our region) NSWS would need to buy one \$5500 and pay the annual \$800 fee. May be hard to find a location on the river for Tahsis – could we do it at the Leiner instead- Maybe look at putting just

a level logger for the Tahsis instead. WFP look at the possibility of sponsoring and pay the \$800 annual but there is already weather station at Tahsis School so something like Sucwoa would be better – in-between.

Tahsis estuary – juv. salmon monitoring beach seine - have boat, seine net, need qualified volunteers. Does not need a lot of funds, could join in with another estuary project of mapping intertidal and sub-tidal zones of the Tahsis est.

Need training from the eel grass working group, Shannon (DFO) may have an ROV. Subtidal mapping is way more in-depth and we may need to hire people to do this for the first year.

PSF – if we do get some funding we need to have someone able to write the report after work is done

Fluvial geomorphology – bring in to do an overview of Tahsis. Currently have quotes coming in from a few different companies.

Website – up and running! Still send in photos please!

Facebook page – please like.

Community pages – with input from community members

Email - stewardship@nootkasound.info

Memberships – ideas of tiered levels color coding – Reg, Bronze, Silver, Gold – depending on donation amount.

Streamkeepers Course is going to be held March 7/8 two days two groups

Partner with Junior Rangers for a weekend

Look at more tree planting this spring with MMFN or Rangers

Sam read Bruce's report as he was not able to make the meeting due to flooding on the road in from Tahsis.

(Bruce circulated it by email – let me know if you would like a copy)

b. Hatchery Update-

Conuma- Status report was distributed and read – all stocks/ species looking good. Conuma Chinook early group ponded last week and the late group out this week. Burman Chinook out as well. Chum and Coho smolt group to come out early March. Discussion on different rearing possibilities Conuma Chinook. The idea of rearing a small group on surface water, then releasing them as unfed fry into the Conuma River.

Fish Food Order – order arrived at Conuma Hatchery and Cheryle has invoice to pay.

Transport Tank plans – ongoing Chris and Bruce are working on finalizing the plans

Vaccine requirements – MOTION to purchase the vaccine, up to \$1500. Moved by Dick 2nd by Cheryle. All in favour.

Motion carried.

Burman – discussion on the transporting of Burman juveniles to the Burman seapen this spring. **ACTION** - email Craig, Grieg Seafood, to explore options.

Tahsis hatchery- Leiner Chinook have been successfully ponded, Tahsis Chinook are still at Conuma Hatchery where they were otolith marked and will be ponded in to cap troughs shortly, where they will be held for a few days before transport to Tahsis.

c. Fisheries Management / Area 25 Harvest Committee updates - meeting scheduled for tomorrow – Dick to report to the board at next meeting.

d. Insurance – Kent

Further discussion on purchasing liability insurance – Kent has priced out options and found one for \$900 – for 1million liability annually through Seafirst Insurance. MOTION to purchase the insurance for \$900. Moved by Dick Dennison. All in favour. Motion carried.

6. New Business

Kadin Snook – introduced himself as the new MMFN Fisheries Coordinator

AGM to be held next meeting – Feb 24th – Tsaxana

ACTION – Lyndy to advertise on the GR Buzz and CR Mirror, Sam to post on Facebook, and the board uptown

7. Correspondence

BC Timber Sales – Information regarding planned harvesting in the Burman River area.

Recreational prawn catch data report – John Falavolito, Westview Marina **ACTION** Lyndy to circulate

8. Financial Report

Financial report was read by Cheryle **MOTION** to accept financial report. Moved by Dick. 2nd by Louis. All in favour.

Motion carried.

9. Next Meeting

AGM and Election of Officers - Wednesday Feb 24, 2016 Council of Chiefs Room, Tsaxana 7pm

10. Adjournment – moved by Pat